

**CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)**

**Wednesday, October 27, 2004**

**Stephen P. Clark Center**

**111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street**

**Commission Chamber**

**10 a.m.**

**Summary of Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marc A. Buoniconti, Chairman  
Hon. Luis Morse, Vice-Chairman.  
Henry Lee Givens  
Thamara Labrousse  
Maureen O'Donnell  
Theodore Wilde

Harold Braynon, Jr.  
LtCol Antonio Colmenares  
Franklin Kelly  
Miles Moss  
Hon. James Reeder  
Hon. Linda Zilber

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Bruce Libhaber

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Carlos F. Bonzon, Surface Transportation Manager  
Nan A. Markowitz, Executive Director  
Barbara Bravo, OCITT  
Virginia Diaz, OCITT  
Pepe Valdes, OCITT  
Naomi Wright, CTAC  
Jorge Fernandez, MDT  
Lyn Harris, MDT  
John Prats, OCITT  
Roger Fable, Citizen  
Robert Pearsall, MDT

Judy Seidner, CMO  
Patty David, OCITT  
Jack Furney, OCITT  
David Bellamy, MDT  
David Tinder, PWD  
Lourdes Gomez, MDT  
Roosevelt Bradley, MDT  
Lourdes Gomez, MDT  
Larry Lebowitz, Herald  
Aimee Martinez, MDT

**ROLL CALL**

With a quorum being present, Mr. Marc Buoniconti, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**SWEARING-IN OF NEW TRUST MEMBER**

Mr. Buoniconti introduced and welcomed the Hon. Linda Zilber, who was appointed by Commissioner Sally Heyman to represent County Commission District 4. Ms. Kay Sullivan, Deputy Clerk of the Courts, conducted the swearing-in of Ms. Zilber.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Buoniconti asked that the Action Items 7 A-G be taken as one, and Mr. Theodore Wilde asked that items H and I be reversed. Mr. Moss moved to approve the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harold Braynon and carried without dissent.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Buoniconti requested a motion to approve the September 30, 2004, minutes. Mr. Henry Lee Givens moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harold Braynon and carried without dissent.

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

## **REPORTS**

### *Chairman's Report*

Mr. Buoniconti addressed the following:

- 90-Day Quarterly Report was distributed to the Members and was submitted to the Board of County Commissioners Transportation Committee and will be forwarded to the entire BCC as required by Ordinance 02-117.
- The Joint BCC/CITT meeting was held on October 12, 2004, attending were Members Henry Lee Givens, LtCol Antonio Colmenares and Hon. Luis Morse. They discussed the implementation of PTP projects over the next five to ten years. Mr. Buoniconti will meet with Commissioner Dennis Moss and Dr. Carlos Bonzon, Surface Transportation Manager, to discuss PTP-specific projects. He will update the Trust at the next CITT meeting.
- Currently, there are two vacancies for Commission District 8 and 13. The Nominating Committee has provided a slate of four nominees to Commissioners Katy Sorenson and Natacha Seijas.
- Attended the Coconut Grove Grand Avenue Groundbreaking Project and the Public Works Department's Illuminated Signs Unveiling. Both events were well attended and involved noteworthy projects.
- Appointed Mr. Theodore Wilde to replace Mr. Mike Abrams on the Financial Consultant Selection Committee.

### *Budget & Finance Committee – Theodore Wilde*

Mr. Theodore Wilde provided Members with an oral report regarding the items considered at the Budget & Finance Committee on October 13, 2004, which included the following: (A copy of the report was distributed).

- Miami-Dade Transit Workshop which met prior to the Committee on Cost Allocation
- Presentation provided by the Public Works Department on school flashing signals.
- Committee forwarded with a favorable recommendation the East/West Corridor Professional Services Contract.
- Committee recommended a resolution regarding increase in surtax obligations.
- Committee recommended the STS Amendment with added language to include a limit of five years and \$55.4 million.

Mr. Morse expressed his concern that some PTP projects will be delayed or not implemented because of the amendments made to the PTP. Mr. Buoniconti responded that the County Commissioners are aware of those concerns. He also stated that the

residents of Miami-Dade County will also need to be made aware which PTP projects will be accomplished and which projects will be delayed. He is confident that within a month he can report back to the Trust on a more detailed plan for the PTP.

*Project Review Committee – LtCol Antonio Colmenares*

LtCol Colmenares commended Mr. Aristides Rivera, Director, Department of Public Works, and his staff for their hard work in the preparation of the Unveiling of the Illuminated Signs ceremony. LtCol Colmenares reported that the Committee conducted two committee meetings and three site visits to cities including Miami Beach and North Miami Beach to view some of the projects that are being funded by surtax proceeds. LtCol Colmenares read a letter from Fred Beckmann, Director of Public Works, from the City of Miami Beach, thanking the Committee for the visit and reiterating the City's request to the County Attorney's Office to reconsider its ruling that bicycle-pedestrian projects on the beach right-of-way are not eligible to receive surtax funds. LtCol Colmenares asked OCITT staff to forward a copy of the letter to the Members. He further reported that the Committee visited the four Special Transportation Services (STS) facilities on October 26, 2004. It is a program that many residents are not familiar with unless they use the services. He stated that STS affects over 22,000 people and it continues to grow about 12 percent per year.

*External Affairs Committee – Hon. Luis C. Morse*

Mr. Morse provided Members with an oral report regarding the items considered at the External Affairs Committee meeting of October 18, 2004. (A copy of the report was distributed.)

Ms. Thamara Labrousse commented that she supports the STS Amendment to the PTP because she believes it is a very good program. She further stated that one of her responsibilities as the Chief Operating Officer for the Switchboard of Miami is a 24-hour Helpline. The Helpline provides and receives information from clients seeking a variety of services and many of those clients are STS users. The hotline receives approximately 162,000 calls per year and 20 percent (20%) of those calls are transportation related since most of the clients are low income and rely heavily on public transportation. Ms. Labrousse proposed working with Miami-Dade Transit to better utilize the comment cards that are going to be placed on Metrorail, Metrobus, and STS vehicles and incorporate those comments with the other comments MDT receives. Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, Director, MDT stated that his department welcomes working with other agencies that can enhance transit services throughout Miami-Dade County. He said that he would contact Ms. Labrousse to work on how to coordinate that effort.

Mr. Morse reported that Florida International University's (FIU) Lehman Center for Transportation Research delivered a presentation at the meeting on the various transportation plans, studies and programs they have developed over the last 10 years. The Committee asked OCITT staff to find out if MDT had any plans to update the Transit Criminal Activity Study. Mr. Bradley responded that MDT is in the process of renewing the Interlocal Agreement with FIU's Lehman Center in order to continue the studies and update studies as improvements are made.

Mr. Buoniconti mentioned that the Committee suggested that the comment cards may be made available in three different languages – Spanish, Creole and English. In

addition, Mr. Buoniconti asked Mr. Bradley if it is possible to advertise on STS vehicles to obtain additional revenue for MDT. Mr. Bradley responded that comment cards will be available in the three different languages in three separate card holders. With regard to the advertising on STS vehicles, he thinks it is an excellent idea; however, he will need to speak to the STS providers and will report back to the Trust next month.

*Compliance & Oversight Committee – Henry Lee Givens*

Mr. Givens stated that the Committee did not meet in October. The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2004. Mr. Givens commented that he drove by the Coconut Grove Grand Avenue Project construction site and noted that there were no African-American workers on the site. He further stated that the County has a pattern of seeking the support of disadvantaged business owners for projects in their area but then fails to follow through on their promises. To date, there is no Business Interruption Plan in place to help business owners stay in business and benefit from improvements once they are completed. Mr. Givens further stated that the CITT should ensure that minority business owners have the opportunity to participate in the bidding for PTP contracts. Mr. Wilde stated that he thought that minority participation was already included in the contracts before the federal court ruling.

Mr. Bruce Libhaber responded that the Grand Avenue Project is a Public Works Department (PWD) project, but since it is a construction project it cannot use Black Business Enterprise (BBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE) or Hispanic Business Enterprise (HBE) provisions pursuant to a court order which struck the policy down as it pertained to construction projects. However, that project did include Community Small Business Enterprise (CSBE) goals, but there was no minority participation goal included. Mr. David Tinder, PTP Coordinator, PWD, added that that the Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) with the City of Miami did require them to include CSBE and community workforce program requirements. Mr. Buoniconti stated that Mr. Givens should continue to work on the issue in the Compliance & Oversight Committee.

*Executive Director's Report – Nan A. Markowitz*

Ms. Markowitz reported on the following:

- Commissioner Katy Sorenson is meeting with each nominee who was submitted to her by the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Natacha Seijas asked the Nominating Committee for an additional slate, and staff is working on scheduling another meeting with the Nominating Committee.
- Based on direction from the Commissioners and the County Manager, the Financial Consultant RFP 463 will be re-advertised without race and gender measurements for one year with a six-month renewal. The RFP 463 will be advertised the first week of November with proposals due the third week of November. The evaluation of the proposals will be conducted the first week of December, and if oral presentations are necessary, they will be held the second week of December. If the schedule goes as planned, a notice to proceed will be issued January 17, 2005.

**PRESENTATION – Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee**

Mr. Buoniconti announced that the presentation has been cancelled.

## ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Buoniconiti asked for a motion to approve items A-G.

- A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION APPROVING THE **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S (PWD)** REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDS AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE (1) TO THE CONTRACT WITH HORSEPOWER ELECTRIC, INC., FOR ANNUAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT NO. 17, PROJECT NO. 671810 FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) *(Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by Budget & Finance and Project Review Committee)*
- B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION TO ISSUE A WORK ORDER FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT BETWEEN A & P CONSULTING TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS AND THE **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD)** FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED, NEW ACCESS TO COUNTRY WALK – SW 143 TERRACE FROM SW 145 PLACE TO SW 144 AVENUE (PROJECT #20040353) *(Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by Budget & Finance and Project Review Committee)*
- C. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION APPROVING A NON-EXCLUSIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) WITH EBS ENGINEERING, INC., FOR NE 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE, FROM WEST LITTLE RIVER CANAL TO NE 91 STREET – **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD)** PROJECT NO. 20030187 *(Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by Budget & Finance and Project Review Committee)*
- D. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION APPROVING A NON-EXCLUSIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) WITH A & P CONSULTING TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS CORP. FOR SW 62 AVENUE, FROM SW 24 STREET TO NW 7 STREET – **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD)** PROJECT NO. 20030188 *(Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by Budget & Finance and Project Review Committee)*
- E. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION APPROVING A NON-EXCLUSIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) WITH BCC ENGINEERING, INC., FOR SW 62 AVENUE, FROM SW 70 STREET TO SW 64 STREET – **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD)** PROJECT NO. 20030189 *(Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by Budget & Finance and Project Review Committee)*

F. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION APPROVING A NON-EXCLUSIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) WITH SANCHEZ-ZEINALI & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR SW 160 STREET, FROM SW 147 AVENUE TO SW 137 AVENUE – **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD)** PROJECT NO. 20030190 *(Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by Budget & Finance and Project Review Committee)*

G. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION APPROVING A NON-EXCLUSIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) WITH CIVIL WORKS, INC. FOR NW 138 STREET BRIDGE AT MIAMI RIVER CANAL – **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD)** PROJECT NO. 20030191 *(Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by Budget & Finance and Project Review Committee)*

Mr. Wilde asked if special provisions were made for bus bays in item 7E. Mr. Tinder responded that the project will be reviewed by the Master Planning Committee, which will be reviewing bikeways, off-street parking and bus bays. Mr. Tinder further stated that the City of Miami as well as members of the community has requested a reduction of lanes. The project is a PTP project. Mr. Tinder said he will report back to the Trust after the meeting with the Master Planning Committee.

LtCol Colmenares moved to approve item A-G. The motion was seconded by James Reeder and carried without dissent.

Mr. Morse excused himself at 11:15 a.m.

H. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY MANAGER ESTIMATE THE POTENTIAL COSTS IN FUTURE PROPOSED PTP AMENDMENTS THAT INCREASE SURTAX OBLIGATIONS AND INCLUDE PLANNED EQUIVALENT REDUCTIONS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED FINANCIAL BALANCE OF THE 30-YEAR PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) *(Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by the Executive Planning Committee)*

Mr. Reeder moved to approve item I. The motion was seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

- I. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST RECOMMENDING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMEND THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCLUDE PARATRANSIT/SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AS AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT FOR CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55.4 MILLION AND SET TO EXPIRE ON APRIL 1, 2010 *(Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by Budget & Finance. The Project Review Committee deferred item)*

Mr. Moss moved to approved item I. The motion was seconded by Mr. Braynon and carried without dissent.

### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Givens asked that the Executive Director examine the question of whether a new policy is needed to require the Public Works Department to further examine the "small business component" of the agreements being entered into with Municipalities. Mr. Givens stated that he wants to ensure proper safeguards are in place that will protect small area businesses before any JPAs are approved. In addition, Mr. Givens stated that Mr. Pepe Valdes, OCITT, is preparing a "Report Card" similar to that prepared by the NAACP to reflect the composition of a company's Board of Directors as well as that of its employment force.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The CITT meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

**\*\*\*MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM\*\*\***

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